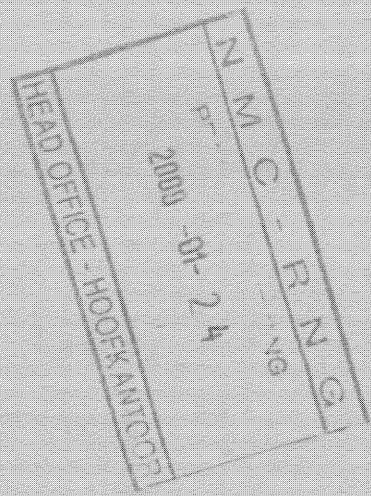


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## INTRODUCTION

Keystone Investments are constructing a shopping complex in Pretorius Park, at the corner of Paardekraal and Voortrekker on Portion 377 of the Farm Paardeplaat 177 IQ. Pretorius Park lies opposite the Paardekraal National Monument and includes Monument Dam, a water source and meeting place for Boer commandoes at the turn of the century. Because of the area's historical significance, the Gauteng Department of Agriculture Conservation and Environment requested supplementary information to evaluate the development.

Environmental Outsource, the environmental coordinators for this stage of the development, Commissioned Archaeological Resources Management (ARM) to assess the impact of the development on Monument Dam.

## METHOD

ARM staff visited the project area on December 23 in the company of Brian Tibbles and Ingrid Rosenberger of Environmental Outsource. ARM staff also held interviews with Ms J. Kitto of the Gauteng Branch of the National Monuments Council on December 22 before the site visit and afterwards on January 13 with the Director, Dr J. Bruwer.

## RESULTS

Development has affected inflow to the dam, and plans for Cork Bay will cause minor alterations to the northeast shoreline. The development, however, will not affect the historic man-made portions of the dam, such as the dam wall itself.

Furthermore, the Gauteng Branch of the National Monuments Council is satisfied that the development does not require a permit under existing heritage legislation. There are thus no archaeological or historical reasons why the development should not continue.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The history surrounding Monument Dam and the Paardekraal Monument is of interest to some members of the public. Some of this history is presented in the Krugersdorp Municipal Museum. A small display, cross-referencing the Museum, could provide positive publicity and counter potential negative reactions to the development that are based on historical grounds. The disused fountain complex at the north end of the park is one suitable location.



